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CAPE MEARES LIGHTHOUSE PARKING AREA

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Would you believe that we have new white parking lines, new concrete wheel stops, and new concrete curb in place at Cape Meares. Yes, it's true the subcontractor from Newport arrived on Wednesday morning and with his crew worked all day Wednesday doing the paintwork and wheel stops. On Thursday concrete arrived and the curbs were installed using an extrusion process.

For those of you not familiar with the extrusion process its similar to those children's "Playdough" machines, push a product through a die. In the curb process, concrete is placed into a hopper and then mechanically pushed through a die. The force of the auger pushing the concrete through the die moves the extrusion machine forward. What you see coming out is dense concrete curb shaped to the form, quite simple but very effective.

With the parking area fully delineated and useable, the project is going into winter shutdown. The reason for the shutdown is attempting at this late date to force the contractor to finish the final paving layer could result in less than excellent results. Placing the project into winter shutdown allows the contractor the opportunity to schedule the final paving sometime in spring under better conditions as we need almost a week of dry, warm weather. The goal is to have all work completed by no later than Memorial Day 2007. Placing the project into winter shut down does come with some cost to the contractor, as he is responsible for temporary work such as paint striping and wheel stops. The paint will be paved over and the wheel stops will need to be removed and then replaced after the final paving.

With winter shut down occurring this will be the final newsletter until we have a schedule for the final work. It's been a pleasure to work with everyone on this project and hope this Newsletter has been a useful source of information. So until later, I extend the best to everyone this season and hope to see many of you in the spring.

If you have any comments or concerns related to the construction please forward these to the listed Email address or call 360-907-0685.

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